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Senate-Cambodia 3rd Lead

WASHINGTON AP - The Senate voted today to repeal the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution, amid sharp debate over tactics being followed by Republican supporters of President Nixon's Southeast Asia policies.

This is the resolution which President Lyndon B. Johnson used as authority to escalate the war against North Vietnam. It was adopted following reports of an attack on American warships in the Gulf of Tonkin.

Nixon administration spokesmen have said the resolution is not relevant to present policies.

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WASHINGTON Senate-Cambodia 3rd Lead A201WX add: policies.

The Tonkin repeal move, long urged by war critics, came on an amendment by Sen. Robert J. Dole, R-Kan., who brought up the issue Monday as part of an emerging strategy to dispose of all matters dealing with Southeast Asia now rather than on later bills.

But outspoken war critics made clear in the debate they plan to bring up restrictive amendments on various authorization and appropriations bills due for consideration later this year, rather than now.

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WASHINGTON--SENATE CAMBODIA (76-77) INSERT AFTER FIRST GRAF:

THE VOTE WAS 81 TO 10.

SEN. J. W. FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., A LONGTIME CRITICS OF THE TONKIN GULF RESOLUTION WHO LED THE FIGHT AGAINST IT BECAUSE HE WAS OPPOSED TO BRINGING IT UP NOW, SAID HE WAS VOTING AGAINST REPEAL--WHICH HE FAVORS--"TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROCEDURE."
THIS IS, ETC., FIRST GRAF 77.

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WASHINGTON -- ADD SENATE-CAMBODIA (77)

BESIDES FULBRIGHT, THE DOLE AMENDMENT WAS OPPOSED BY SENS. JAMES ALLEN, D-ALA.; HENRY BELLMON, R-OKLA.; JAMES EASTLAND, D-MISS.; SAM J. ERVIN JR., D-N.C.; ERNEST HOLLINGS, D-S.C.; RUSSELL LONG, D-LA.; JOHN MCCLELLAN, D-ARK.; GALE MCGEE, D-WYO., AND JOHN STENNIS, D-MISS.

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